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REPORT

TOPIC Military Activities in the Area of the 6th Gds Mecz Div, the 10th Gds
Tank Div, and the 25th Tank Div.EVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED 25X1DATE OF CONTENT DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 23 August 1955REFERENCES PAGES 3 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS 25X1

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1. Between 20 and 29 July 1955, the following military shipments were observed in Templin:
 - 20 July. At 1945, a troop train with 9 T-34/85 tanks, 4 JS-1 tanks, and 4 trucks which approached Templin from the direction of Eberswalde.
 - 21 July. At 0710, a column of 25 trucks and 6 guns, which passed through Templin and proceeded toward Vogelsang.
 - 22 July. At 1330, a troop train with 10 x 37-mm AA guns, 20 trucks, and 10 boxcars which passed through Templin en route from the direction of Eberswalde toward Vogelsang.
 - 29 July. At 0710, a troop train with 4 x 37-mm and 8 x 85-mm AA guns, 17 trucks and 5 boxcars, which passed through Templin en route from Eberswalde toward Vogelsang.
2. At 1000 on 3 August, a column of 25 trucks with 6 x 122-mm field howitzers and approximately 8 x 82-mm mortars was seen in Finow. The column came from the direction of Eberswalde and proceeded toward Finowfurth. ¹
3. From about 0910 to 1100 on 4 August, a shipment, which had arrived from Lychen (Templin), was unloaded at the Wildpark (Potsdam) railroad station. It consisted of 18 x 152-mm field howitzers, 2 M-31 and 2 M-13 rocket-launchers, 52 trucks, 1 sedan, 6 field kitchens, 3 repair shop trucks, 1 ambulance, and 16 boxcars with personnel. ²
4. Between 21 July and 5 August, the Kavallerie Schule (2161) in Kramnitz was occupied to capacity. During this period, several units left the installation, but returned after a few days. ³
5. On several days, the following heavy weapons were observed in ion: 12 T-54 tanks, 6 T-34/85 tanks, 6 SP guns similar to JSU-122s, hout guns, several radio trucks, 2-axle and 3-axle armored personnel carriers, and up to 20 driving school vehicles.

6. On 23 July, an engineer column with 8 trucks carrying soldiers with full field

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equipment, 15 trucks with pontoons, 5 large DUKW-353 type amphibious vehicles, and 5 trucks with beams and boards left the installation toward Werder. The unit returned to the Kavallerie Schule at about 1730 on 26 July. ⁵

7. In the afternoon of 1 August, the following vehicles arrived in the installation from the Satzborn railroad station: 6 trucks with full-track chassis and benches for approximately 25 soldiers and 2 smaller but similar vehicles with benches for approximately 15 soldiers. The vehicles had no hull and an unusually high driver's cabin. They appeared to be factory-new. ⁶

8. In the afternoon of 5 August, 4 columns arrived at Kavallerie Schule from the direction of Marquard at intervals of about 20 minutes.

First column: 18 x 85-mm AA guns towed by trucks and other trucks occupied by troops.

Second column: 20 three-axle armored personnel carriers, each occupied by 6 to 8 soldiers.

Third column: 12 T-54 tanks with twin-barrelled AA guns.

Fourth column: 9 three-axle armored personnel carriers, each occupied by 6 to 8 soldiers. ⁷

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9. Between 19 July and 6 August, the barracks installation northwest of Berliner Strasse (4741) in Prenzlau was [redacted] previously. Intensive training activity was observed in the [redacted] in the barracks yard had apparently discontinued. The tank [redacted] went to the tank training area on Sternhagener Weg. Approximately [redacted] soldiers, who wore red-bordered black epaulets, daily received instruction on 2 JS-2 and 2 T-34, 85 tanks and 1 JSU-122 gun in the southwest section of the installation. During the night of 29/30 July, 2 T-34 tanks from the installation northwest of Berliner Strasse were entrained at the Prenzlau freight station. The train left toward Templin.

Between 19 July and 6 August, the barracks installation southeast of Berliner Strasse (4742) in Prenzlau was occupied as previously. At about 0915 on 20 July, a column of 4 trucks towing 12 x 122-mm field howitzers, 3 trucks towing 57-mm AT guns, and 13 trucks with troops wearing full field equipment left for the new Kroechlendorf training grounds. The unit was to be relieved after about 2 weeks by another unit from the installation southeast of Berliner Strasse. The troops were quartered in tents. Some 1,000 soldiers were daily [redacted] at the old drill ground south of the installation. [redacted] 3 tanks daily left for the tank area on Sternhagener [redacted] and joint exercises with driving school tanks from [redacted] installation northwest of Berliner Strasse.

11. Motor vehicles seen en route between the town and the barracks [redacted]

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1. Comment. Military [redacted] in Templin and Finow probably involved units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div. [redacted] en route between their posts and the Templin training grounds. The AAA shipment [redacted] which was observed on 28 July, presumably returned to Eberswalde or Bernau [redacted] the Wustrow AAA firing range. It cannot be determined whether the [redacted] involved a unit of the 63rd AAA Div. or the 120th AAA Regt of the [redacted] Mecz Div. The shipment on 29 July presumably belonged to the 63rd [redacted].

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2. [redacted] Comment. The unloading at the Wildpark (Potsdam) railroad station involved units of the 10th Gds Tank Div. which returned to their post. [redacted]

3. [redacted] Comment. The short-term transfer of units of the 10th Gds Tank Div. was confirmed by railroad records. [redacted]

4. [redacted]

5. [redacted] Comment. The engineer battalion of the 10th Gds Tank Div. probably conducted a 3-day exercise near Werder on the Havel River.

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6. [redacted] Comment. The trucks on full-track chassis which arrived in the Kavallerie Schule from the Satzkorn railroad station on 2 August, presumably were to serve as prime movers for AT guns.

7. [redacted] Comment. These [redacted] presumably returned from the Templin training grounds (unloading at the Satzkorn railroad station). [redacted] The fact that the AA [redacted] entered the Kavallerie Schule [redacted] is worth noting, since [redacted] A R [redacted] is the conclusion that [redacted] it [redacted]

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